

Murray History Advisory Board
June 23, 2009

Attendance: Richard Hansen, Jay Bollwinkel, Sherm Davies, Kathy Romero, Susan Wright, Steve Meyer, Mary Ann Kirk (staff).

1. Minutes for May 26, 2009 were approved as written. Richard noted the article in the Murray Journal on Jenny Lund. He saw Jenny at the LDS Church History Library dedication where she was involved as a major player in this facility. Jenny mentioned at the city council meeting that she was introduced to historic preservation from her experience on this board and is now using this knowledge as the LDS church becomes more involved in historic preservation. Richard will be leaving the board in August. Sherm suggested Clinton Erickson may be a possible replacement. We didn't know if he lived in the correct district.
2. Kathy Romero asked to review former discussions about the Freeze barn. The barn has been altered. It is the only physical structure from the Freeze family farm which is now the west end of Murray Park. The real estate people were willing to move it into the park. The city would have to maintain it. The board considered adapting it to a rental building or a pavilion that could be used by the Farmers Market. It is not very big so a rental building is not very likely. It could present a maintenance problem for the parks people. Richard wondered if it could be used for a small business. He felt some of the items inside could be antiques and possibly worth preserving. He suggested we possibly could move it over by the armory building and use it as part of a complex. Could it be used for storage? Susan wondered if we could move it over to her property. Another idea surfaced if we could take a few pieces from it for the museum or even move it to the power building and store it for a potential future museum display. Mary Ann will talk to Doug and Orden Yost.
3. A policy draft outlining the process for local registry nominations was reviewed. Richard suggested board members review it and then formally adopt it at the next meeting. Jay asked how it was developed. Mary Ann said the board revised it from a previous form. Potential nominations for the registry will also be reviewed next month. These were identified from an RLS survey of the newly annexed area. We visited seven homes last month but we couldn't find the Maxfield home. We didn't go down the lane far enough. Steve said he was very familiar with the history of the Maxfield house. His wife is related to this family. The cottonwood trees are probably some of the oldest in the city. Mary Ann will prepare nomination forms for these. Steve may be able to help with some of the information. She will contact the owners prior to the board meeting.

Mary Ann explained what an RLS (Reconnaissance Level Survey) includes. We will be doing a survey this year and then one more survey should complete the city. She explained the history of the registry and how our registry includes mostly buildings built prior to 1920 but we want to start adding buildings from later eras. We will try to develop a website that features the buildings on the registry. She also explained National

Register listings including the downtown historic residential and commercial districts, Iris Theater/Apt, Warenski/Duvall building, Murray Theater, Murray 2nd Ward, Bonnyview (which was demolished). The Ore Sampling Mill is ready for nomination if the owner will agree. The Cahoon Mansion, Wheeler Farm, and the Walton home were listed individually.

4. Board members were encouraged to attend a workshop for the redevelopment of State Street and how it ties into our historic downtown. Steve noted that many of the owners won't do anything about their property. Mary Ann said that the historic buildings could really add to a new development if they would fix up the historic buildings as they add new construction. She explained they can be ugly if they are not taken care of, but many buildings can be restored. She often gets comments that a building is trashy; but a run down building can be cleaned up. She noted that this board's role is to preserve when we can. It is important that this board is vocalizing the importance of preservation when it is realistic. Once a physical structure is gone, it is difficult to tell the story of the building. Jay noted that an old building across from Riverview has been demolished. The old part of Cottonwood Hospital is also being demolished. Mary Ann clarified the process for demolition requires our review if it is on the register. We can't restrict demolition, but we can ask for further documentation. If it is not on the register but is older than 50 years, they must provide a photo.
5. Board members liked the idea of doing another tour of historic homes in September.